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Mr. Theodore Haddad, Chair
Danbury Zoning Commission

RE: Pacific House Shelter

About a month ago it was brought to my attention that some who are in opposition to the proposed Pacific House shelter were accusing the police department, and me specifically, of manipulating the number of calls at the shelter and on the surrounding streets. It appears that these accusations persist so I have been asked to respond. As such I will try to be brief and to the point.

First and foremost, every statistic that I have presented with regard to the Pacific House shelter and surrounding streets was extracted directly from our Records Management System (RMS). Anyone can request the same information through Freedom of Information. I have always submitted the actual RMS printouts along with my summary reports so there is nothing to hide.

With regard to the Pacific House, I have consistently stated that it is not the role of the police department to endorse or object to this project. What I have said is that the issues at Pacific House so far have been no more taxing on our resources than when the two downtown shelters were in operation.

While I respect the concerns and perceptions of those who are not in favor of this project, any reports that I submit have to be based on actual data, which is what I have done.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ridenhour

Chief of Police

Cc: Mayor Cavo
Sharon Calitro, Planning & Zoning